The Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) Team uses a consultative and collaborative approach to evaluate the strength of infection prevention in a variety of healthcare settings so that the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) can create tools to improve existing infection prevention capacity.

The Road to a Healthier New Jersey
Grant funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) supports the ICAR infection prevention team.

Site-Specific Assessments
By highlighting existing CDC and HICPAC recommendations, this assessment provides basic infection prevention recommendations for outpatient (ambulatory care) settings.

Going Back to Basics
A collaborative approach in reviewing current practice and ensuring Standard Precautions are the foundation for preventing transmission of infectious agents during patient care in all healthcare settings.

Relationship Building
NJDOH will make these visits simple and valuable. Assessing overall infection prevention throughout the state will have lasting effects on the health and safety of the residents of New Jersey.

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